

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of screening or testing for candidate antifungal compounds that impair SEC14 cytosolic factor enzyme (SEC14) function, comprising:
 - a) providing fungal *Candida albicans* SEC14;
 - b) providing one or more a candidate compound[[s]];
 - c) contacting said *Candida albicans* SEC14 with said one or more candidate compound[[s]]; and
 - d) determining the interaction effect of the candidate compound with on the activity of said *Candida albicans* SEC14.
2. (canceled).
3. (canceled).
4. (withdrawn) A modified eukaryotic cell(s) wherein the cell(s) expresses fungal SEC14 under the control of a heterologous promoter.
5. (withdrawn) The cell according to claim 4 which is a *C. albicans* cell.
6. (withdrawn) The cell according to claim 4, wherein the SEC14 is homologous.
7. (withdrawn) The cell according to claim 4, wherein the SEC14 comprises a fragment, a function-conservative variant, an active fragment or a fusion protein of SEC14.

8. (currently amended) A method of screening or testing for candidate antifungal compounds that impair *Candida albicans* SEC14 cytosolic factor enzyme (SEC14) function, comprising:
 - a) providing fungal *Candida albicans* SEC14 in a eukaryotic cell(s) ~~as defined in claim 4 which expresses fungal SEC14 under the control of a heterologous promoter;~~
 - b) providing ~~one or more a~~ candidate compound[[s]];
~~c) contacting said eukaryotic cell(s) with said one or more candidate compound[[s]]; and~~
 - d) determining the ~~interaction effect~~ of the candidate compound ~~with said on the~~ *Candida albicans* SEC14 activity by assessing the effect on growth or viability of said cells.
9. (withdrawn) A compound identified by the method of claim 1, which impairs SEC14 function for use as an antifungal compound.
10. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a SEC14 inhibitor and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
11. (original) *Candida* or *Aspergillus* SEC14 as a specific target for antifungal compounds.
12. (canceled)
13. (canceled)
14. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 18 wherein the fungal infection is a topical, mucosal or systemic fungal infection.
15. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 14 wherein the topical or mucosal

fungal infection is caused by species of *Candida* or the systemic fungal infection is caused by species of *Candida* or *Aspergillus*.

16. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 18 wherein said compound impairs fungal SEC14 function to a greater extent than host SEC14 function.

17. (withdrawn) A compound identified by the method of claim 8 which impairs SEC14 function for use as an antifungal compound.

18. (withdrawn) A method for the treatment or prevention of fungal infections in a host, which comprises administering to the host a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of a SEC14 inhibitor.

19. (withdrawn) A method for the treatment or prevention of fungal infections in a subject who is immunosuppressed, which comprises the step of administering to the subject a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of a SEC14 inhibitor.

20. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 19 wherein the fungal infection is a topical, mucosal or systemic fungal infection.

21. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 19 wherein the topical or mucosal fungal infection is caused by species of *Candida* or the systemic fungal infection is caused by species of *Candida* or *Aspergillus*.

22. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 19 wherein said compound impairs fungal SEC14 function to a greater extent than host SEC14 function.